Revenue (1~~8~~901) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 1462

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Dated 17th June 1901.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording letter from the Collr. of Malabar taking exception to the calculat[ion] of salt receipts in the statement appended to Mr. Dance's letter No. 11 confdl. d/ 28-11-0[0] re: salt & abkari prosecutions.

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Revenue (1901) Department.

CURRENT No. 3201

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UNDER SECY. TO GOVT. 3 JUN 1901 REVENUE DEPT.

From

[Name] A. F. Pinhey Esq. I.C.S.

[Designation] Collector of Malabar

Gd issue No 1462 d/ 17-6-01. confl No 105. [Station] Calicut

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To the Collr of Malabar. [illegible] 17-vi-01

Ref No. 19/conf

Dated 1st June 1901.

Enclosures —nil—

Received 3rd. June 1901

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SUBJECT.

Stating with refce to Offl memo No 379 Con No 176 d/ 10.11.00 & Mr Dance's reply thereto, that the salt revenue in this district is in reality almost nil.

BACK PAPERS.

FURTHER PAPERS.

To

The Secretary to Government,

Revenue Department.

Sir,

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Ref 19/Confl 1900

Malabar Collector's Office,

Calicut 1st June 1901.

From,

A. F. Pinhey Esq. I.C.S.

Collector of Malabar.

To,

The Secretary to Government,

Revenue Department, Madras.

Sir,

I have the honour to invite attention to Official Memorandum No. 379/Con. No. 176 dated 10th November 1900 addressed to Mr. G. W. Dance and that officer's reply No. 11/Conf dated 28th Nov. 1900 with its enclosure.

Page 13 of the printed file of papers below.

2. Before submitting my proposals to the Board of Revenue for the Abkari Administration for the ensuing year I had to refer to the previous correspondence on the subject, and while so engaged lighted on the file referred to in para 1.

3. I have invited attention to the file because it appears to me that Mr. Dance has inadvertently made an extraordinary mistake in his calculations. It will be observed on referring to the enclosure to Mr. Dance's letter that he has shown the gross receipts of salt revenue as Rs 10,26,331 and the net revenue as Rs 10,23,506. These figures are most misleading in my opinion. The gross receipts are ...

import duty <u>Rs 10.25,708</u> and fines in magisterial cases <u>Rs 623</u>. I may say at once that nothing like 10 lakhs is collected as import duty in the district. No salt is manufactured here and the only import duty collected in the year under report was Rs 746.12.6 collected on salt imported by sea from Goa or on excess found in the cases of duty paid salt from elsewhere.

The salt Revenue of this district is in reality almost nil and the net revenue a minus quantity. The only other source from which salt revenue is derived is the profit on salt sold to fish curers but I presume I am right in supposing that this profit is purposely fixed at such a rate as to only just cover the cost of the establishments required for working the fish curing yards.

4. If Government accepted Mr Dance's figures as they stand, they would labour under the impression that the net salt Revenue was over 10 lakhs and therefore almost double the Abkari Revenue and might as a consequence hold that the Accountant-General's method of distributing cost of establishment between Salt & Abkari was after all not far wrong so far as this district was concerned. Nothing can be further removed from the facts.

5. As will be seen from footnote (a) to Mr. Dau[...] Statement he arrived at his figure for import duty not from any accounts kept in the district, but from a calculation of the consumption of salt by the inhabitants: the duty on that salt is not collected here but at the factory, and we require no salt Establishment to help raise this item of revenue. Owing to the climate illicit manufacture is not largely carried on and as the statement shows a very small staff for a limited period each year, is sufficient to protect the revenue.

6. Even if Government were to hold that the consumption of salt (duty paid elsewhere) was a factor to be taken into consideration, I would respectfu[lly] point out that under no circumstances need the Madras Government consider it for nearly a[ll] salt for many years past has come from Bombay and it is the Bombay Government not the Madras Government that has benefitted from a Revenue point of vie[w].

7. As no final orders appear to have been passed in this matter as yet I thought it advisable to make this reference.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

[signature]

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Statement the amount of this figure for import duty

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Mr Finlay takes exception to the calculation of salt receipts in the statement [illegible]

[illegible]

a [illegible]

[illegible] information [illegible]

to the net salt and abkari revenue

6. [illegible] that the

consumption of [illegible]

from [illegible]

[illegible]

Madras Government [illegible]

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and it is the Bombay Government and the Madras

Government that has benefited from a revenue point of view

7. As we find [illegible] been formed

in this matter [illegible]

the [illegible]

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 3201, From the Collector of Malabar, Refce No. 19/conf l, Dated 1 – 6 – 1901.

To Secy.

Mr Pinhey takes exception to the calculation of salt receipts in the state[ment] appended to Mr Dance's letter No 11 confiden[tial] d/ 28-11-00. The statement was submitte[d] in connection with salt and abkari prose[cu]tions, but as complete information [as] to the net salt and abkari revenue was not furnished, no use has been made of the district statements receive[d]. It appears unnecessary to go into the quest[ion] raised by Mr Pinhey. The current ma[y] be recorded. The papers are now with H. E. the Governor.

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2. Please see draft below.

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H.M. for perusal
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H.E. the Governor
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